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### APCO's, Staff, Presenters Gather at Granlibakken for CAPCOA's 2011 Annual Spring Conference

Over 30 participants attended this year's annual Spring Membership Conference at the Granlibakken resort in Tahoe City. The conference included discussion of emergency response case studies, the new web-based permitting system at the Bay Area AQMD, a mini Cal-EEMod training, renewable fuels, exceptional events, and a NACAA



briefing of federal activities. CAPCOA honored three retiring members - Marcella McTaggart, Terry Dressler, and Mel Zeldin (see the following story).



Unfortunately, the winter like weather prevented much outdoor activities. Still, several attendees participated in early morning walks led by Ted Schade or long, long runs (Alan Abbs and Aeron Arlin Genet). More than one attendee commented that going up the sometimes frozen, slippery hill from their rooms or dining area to the meeting room was quite a work out in itself.

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#### Three Members of the CAPCOA Family to Enjoy Retirement

Marcella McTaggart has been a member of CAPCOA since 2002 and recently retired as APCO for El Dorado County. While with the County, Marcella worked to bring a healthier environment to the citizens of El Dorado County and has advanced the public awareness of naturally occurring asbestos and helped develop approaches to mitigate its impact on local residents and schools.



Terry Dressler was appointed as the APCO for the Santa Barbara APCD in 2004 and has been a member and officer of CAPCOA since that time. Prior to working in Santa Barbara County, Terry also worked in the counties of San Luis Obispo



and Ventura. Terry has had a long and illustrious career in air pollution control with over 30 years of dedicated service to the greater cause of cleaner air in California. As CAPCOA President, Terry guided the Association through the difficult task of implementing ARB's Enhanced Vapor Recovery Program, and worked with ARB staff to improve implementation of the Portable Equipment Registration Program.

Mel Zeldin has enjoyed a 38 year career in the air quality field and served as Executive Director for CAPCOA from 2006 through 2011. While Executive Director, Mel oversaw the successful production of CAPCOA's most highly regarded conferences on the health impacts of air pollution and climate protection as well as having guided CAPCOA's pathfinding resource documents on local planning policies for prevention and mitigation of greenhouse gases in local land use activities. Mel was also a stickler for detail and would make sure every paper color available was used in agenda packets, the right sodas were available for CAPCOA board members, and all dietary restrictions of board members was considered. Mel was also instrumental in establishing a professional office and staff for CAPCOA that enhanced the Association's presence in the Capitol.

CAPCOA wishes Marcella, Terry, and Mel all the best in their retirement years and will miss their contributions and friendly banter.



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#### **CAPCOA Cleanairopoly the Next Big Hit in Board Games**



One of Mel Zeldin's retirement gifts from CAPCOA was a customized Monopoly game. We know that you can't read the details of the Monopoly Board on the left, but we substituted the usual properties with air districts and the utilities with stakeholders. The list below shows the air districts and the colors that correspond to the board properties.

We found a Brittish company that customized (or customised as they would spell it) the

game, but they kept property values and payments in £'s. They also did not customize the Chance Cards giving Barbara Lee and the South Coast staff an opportunity to let their creative juices flow. Apparently, they had a great time coming up with alternative Chance cards. Here are some samples:

#### California:

You have been elected CAPCOA President! Pay each player £50.

Your district is selected for a Moyer audit. Lose your next turn.

ARB's Moyer audit team recommends probation. Go directly to jail, do not go past GO, do not collect £200.

#### Federal:

EPA withholds attainment reclassification over Exceptional Events dispute. Pay £100 for staff costs to resolve.

Region IX recommends direct-to-final rulemaking on your SIP submittal! Collect £20.

#### **Board Configuration**

North East Plateau <u>Lake And Me</u>ndocino

**Industry Stakeholders** 

Sacramento Valley Mountain Counties

**Tehama And Feather River** 

Northern Sonoma

North Coast

**Great Basin** 

#### **Agriculture Stakeholders**

**Imperial** 

**Eastern Kern** 

**Mojave Desert** 

Placer

Yolo Solano

**Monterey Bay** 

#### **Environmental Stakeholders**

San Luis Obispo

Santa Barbara

Ventura

Sacramento Metropolitan

San Diego

San Joaquin Valley

**Local Government** 

Bay Area

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# CAPCOA eNEWS Air District News

#### EPA honors Placer County's forest debris system





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Placer County was honored Tuesday by the Environmental Protection Agency for its work to create cleaner air.

The EPA Clean Air Excellence Award recognizes the work of the county's air pollution control district in diverting Lake Tahoe area forest debris from burn piles.

"By transporting this forest residue out and instead of burning it in burn piles we are reducing pollution put into the atmosphere," said Supervisor Jim Holmes, who is in Washington, D.C., to accept the award.

Removing the wood scraps from the forest floor also reduces the risk of a catastrophic wildfire. The biomass is transported out of the basin, but officials are considering building a 1- to 3-megawatt biomass plant to turn the slash into energy. Locating the plant has proved more controversial.

The EPA award is in its twelfth year.

"EPA's history is marked by innovations that have made our communities cleaner, healthier and more prosperous. This year's Clean Air Excellence Award winners are continuing that tradition," EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson said.

Among the 12 recipients were Pacific Gas and Electric Co. for innovations in electric vehicle charging stations and the Santa Monica-based California Cartage Company for its fleet of liquefied natural gas "green trucks" in use at port facilities.

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## Workshops & Hearings



San Joaquin Valley has 5 Workshops scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Rule 4684 (Polyester Resin Operations)

Rule 2410 (Prevention of Significant Deterioration)

Rule 4401(Steam-Enhanced Crude Oil Production Wells)

2008 PM2.5 Plan Progress Report

Rule 4605 (Aerospace Assembly and Component Coating Operations)

More information can be found on their workshops page.

San Diego is holding a Public Meeting regarding their 2010 Air Toxics 'Hot Spots' Program Report on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Their <u>website</u> has more information.



On July 8<sup>th</sup> South Coast is holding a Public Hearing on proposed amended rule 1147 - 'NOx Reductions From Miscellaneous Sources'. More information on their website.

## **Employment Announcements**

South Coast is seeking an Assistant Air Quality Instrument Specialist and Air Quality Instrument Specialist I (one position). Deadline for applications is June 16<sup>th</sup>. More at South Coast's Neogov page.



San Diego APCD is accepting applications for Junior Air Pollution Control Engineer. Although there is no filing deadline, interested applicants should apply as early as possible.

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# CAPCOA eNEWS ARB & EPA News

#### Issue Papers Available



In April, several CAPCOA Board Members attended a meeting with Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, to discuss issues related to reasonable further progress, exceptional events, RadNet, climate change, and National-scale Air Toxics Assessment. Board members developed succinct issue papers that describes the background and the recommended course of action for EPA. These papers have been posted in the documents section of the CAPCOA Members Only Website.

## **Board Meetings & Workshops**

ARB Board Meeting for June is on the 23rd.

In July, the ARB Board Meeting is on the 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.



On June 15<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento there will be a Workshop on Tractor and box-type trailers compliance and reporting training workshop regarding Tractor-Trailer GHG Regulation. Visit <u>ARB's</u> Calendar for more information.

TRU ATCM 2011 Amendments Workshop #3 will be held in Sacramento on June 29th. The <u>ARB Event Calendar</u> has the details.

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## June 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	31	1	Planning Managers	3
6	7	8 Vapor Recovery	9	10
13	14	15 Incentives & Mobile Sources Tractor-Trailer GHG Work- shop	SJVUAPCD Workshops	17 SDAPCD 'Hot Spots' Report
20	21 Engineering Managers	22	ARB Board Meeting	24
27	28	29 Board Meeting TRU ATCM 2011 Workshop	30 Legislative Committee	1

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Planning Managers
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Vapor Recovery
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Incentives & Mobile Sources
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	ARB Tractor-Trailer GHG Regulation Workshop
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	San Joaquin Valley Workshops (See <u>Air District Workshops</u> for Details)
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	San Diego APCD 2010 'Hot Spots' Program Report Meeting
June 20 <sup>th</sup>	Engineering Managers
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	ARB Board Meeting
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	TRU ATCM 2011 Amendments Workshop #3
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	CAPCOA Board Meeting
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Legislative Committee

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# July 2011

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27	28	29	30	1
4	5	6	7 Planning Managers	8 SCAQMD Public Hearing
11	12	Vapor Recovery	Climate Protection	15
18	19	Vapor Recovery Incentives & Mobile Sources	21 ARB Boar	22 rd Meeting
25	26	27	28 Legislative Committee CAPCOA Board	29 CAPCOA Board

July 7<sup>th</sup> Planning Managers

July 8<sup>th</sup> South Coast Public Hearing on proposed amended rule 1147

July 13<sup>th</sup> Vapor Recovery

July 14<sup>th</sup> Climate Protection Committee

July 20<sup>th</sup> Vapor Recovery

July 20<sup>th</sup> Incentives & Mobile Sources

July 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> ARB Board Meeting

July 28<sup>th</sup> Legislative Committee

July 28th & 29th CAPCOA Board

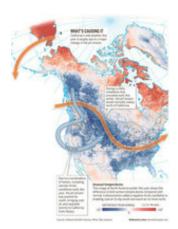
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# CAPCOA eNEWS News & Links

#### Researcher says climate change may be cooling California



Sacramento Bee - June 4th. 2011

Spring passed California by, and summer remains in hiding.

Nine tornadoes have torn up the Sacramento Valley from Oroville to Fairfield. A giant Sierra snowpack, still frozen fast, has put innumerable summer adventures on hold.

The Golden State's weather has gone haywire.

And it's not over yet: Sacramento can expect as much as another 1.4 inches of rain this weekend and temperatures 20 degrees below normal, with more mountain snow.

"It's what I call global weirding," said Bill Patzert, a climatologist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. "This has been a very strange year all over the planet."

Read more

### Links

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### **Executive Director's Perspective**



As many of you no doubt heard, our Spring Membership meeting site, the Gralibakken resort in Tahoe City, cannot accommodate us in 2012. Despite CAPCOA presence for over 20 years, the Granlibakken resort evidently got an offer they couldn't refuse from a church group that has reserved the entire resort for the week that we would normally stay.

We are looking for a substitute location and hope to have at least three options at the June Board meeting. In the meantime, if you have suggestions, send them my way.

The other down note was that the ARB could not join us in person at the Spring meeting. I understood that Mary Nichols, Sandra Berg, James Goldstene, and Lynn Terry were all planning to join us, but because of the Governor's Executive Order regarding travel, none of them could join us. In my career with the California Energy Commission, I went through at least four periods where travel was restricted due to Governor's Executive Orders. However, Governor Brown's current Executive Order appears to be the most restrictive. James Goldstene and Lynn Terry joined us for a shortened joint ARB/EPA/CAPCOA session via conference call.

On the up side, we had excellent presentations ranging from CARPA case studies, the revamped computer permit system at the Bay Area AQMD, and a mini CalEEMod training. Bill Becker and his staff gave us a round up of activities in Washington, DC. The blizzard that hit on Wednesday afternoon was something else and left one of those picture perfect winter mountain scenes.

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